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SUBJ: DIA DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE NOTICE (DIN) (U)

DIADIN 128-2A (AS OF: 0630 EDT 8 MAY 77)

ARGENTINA: FOREIGN MINISTER ATTACKED, (U)

1. ~~(C/NOFORN)~~ ARGENTINE FOREIGN MINISTER, CESAR AUGUSTO GUZZETTI, WAS SERIOUSLY WOUNDED ON 7 MAY, DURING A PROBABLE KIDNAP ATTEMPT PERPETRATED BY TWO MEMBERS OF THE LEADING NATIONAL LEFTIST TERRORIST GROUP. VICE ADMIRAL (RET) GUZZETTI EITHER LIES NEAR DEATH OR, ACCORDING TO ONE UNCONFIRMED EMBASSY REPORT, MAY HAVE DIED SATURDAY EVENING. UP TO NOW, NO OFFICIAL DEATH ANNOUNCEMENT HAS BEEN MADE.

2. ~~(C/NOFORN)~~ THE FOREIGN MINISTER WAS VISITING A PRIVATE HOSPITAL AT ABOUT NOON ON SATURDAY WHEN HE WAS ACCOSTED BY TERRORISTS. HE SUFFERED A SEVERE HEAD WOUND EITHER FROM A SHARP BLOW OR FROM A GUN SHOT OR BOTH. THE ATTACKERS FOUGHT WITH HIS SECURITY GUARDS BUT APPARENTLY ESCAPED UNHARMED. REPORTEDLY, THE MONTONEROS, ONE OF TWO PRINCIPAL ARGENTINE LEFTIST GUERRILLA ORGANIZA-

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TIONS, HAS CLAIMED RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE ACT.

3. ~~(C/NOFORN)~~ ADM GUZZETTI WAS NAMED FOREIGN MINISTER SHORTLY AFTER THE MILITARY SEIZED POWER FROM PRESIDENT ISABEL PERON IN MARCH 1976. HE WAS A STAUNCH SUPPORTER AND FREQUENT DEFENDER OF THE RIGHT-WING MILITARY GOVERNMENT. FOR EXAMPLE, ON THE DAY BEFORE THE ATTACK, GUZZETTI SUPPOSEDLY STATED AT A LUNCHEON OF BUSINESS EXECUTIVES THAT ARGENTINA'S POLITICAL VIOLENCE WAS CAUSED BY A "MARXIST PLOT."

4. ~~(C/NOFORN)~~ WHY FOREIGN MINISTER GUZZETTI WAS CHOSEN TO BE THE VICTIM OF THIS LATEST SUBVERSIVE CRIMINAL ACT IN ARGENTINA'S CONTINUING BLOODY BATTLES AMONG LEFTIST GUERRILLAS, RIGHT-WING EXTREMISTS, AND GOVERNMENT SECURITY FORCES IS NOT KNOWN AT THIS TIME. POSSIBLY IT WAS AN ATTEMPT TO EMBARRASS THE GOVERNMENT ESPECIALLY IN LIGHT OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUE OR WAS AN ACT OF RETALIATION TO THE GOVERNMENT'S RECENT CRACKDOWN ON VIOLENCE AND GENERAL LAWLESSNESS.

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